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There are many in the world today possessing intellectual knowledge and firmly believing the doctrines they are spreading but she are not in reality ready or prepared to pass on to others the concepts they have accomulated. I large percentage of our spiritual teseners are making claims to knowledge and truth which they do not truly possess; they claim that they understand the great spiritual nystery of being but in reality they only know shat someone else has told then about those mysteries. There is a fine drawn line between the exoteric and the concept which often appears to be the truth that it is not. There are few people able to differentiate in their own minds between sight and sense, knowledge and belief, spirituality and mentality.

The intellectual student is like the parrot that says sensible things but is not personally involved with any of the words or sentences that it is pronouncing. Just so many of our socult teachers repeat shat they have been told or what they have reed that their light may serve the world, but their concepts have made no impression upon them nor have they accepted it themselves at all. The mostic knows that words without the spirit of the one who gives them into the world are bare indeed and the intellectual concept without the everyday practice and the spiritual understanding of it is nothing more than a string of lacquered words.

which is not our own but when we secrifice ourselves then we have given a gift that carries the spirit with it. When the mystic and the true occultist gives wisdom to the world he gives of himself; he has sacrificed his life to ettain that wisdom, he has renowneed the world in order to instruct it, he has surrendered personality in order that he may guide the sleeping personalities of the world. In other words, his gift to men is a fruit of divine sacrifice, the despest and most complete sacrifice that it is possible for one individual to make for another.

There is little value in inowledge unless it comes out of the soul of the giver where through years of searching and striving it has slowly unfolded itself to the aspiring condidate. Encyledge that comes from the head is usually the basis of wrangle, dissension and argument but that which comes from momewhere within the life and soul of one softens and sweetens man's relationships to man and strengthens the soul for its battle in life. The intellectual teachers give out that which is not their own but that which they have read or been told by others, while the truly great one, like the Moster Jazus at the last support, gives of his own body the broad to feed the world and of his own blood the wine of hely communion. Then the Great One gives "Its vision to the world he is giving himself and the spirit of the giver seasons the gift; not only does he give of himself but he gives from that Brother who is ever with him for the realization of the universal In the years that are to come let us learn to build the imorlogin we have into our lives rather than into our heads, let us lourn to live the laws that we now study and emphasize in our ocracual life those truths that we now seek to spread among our felles men.

When the Probationer is sent into the world all the bonds which tie him to the Great Mork are severed and he again becomes one among mertal beings. Here during his probationship he is tested and tested saversly he to his attitude, his life and his understanding. Puring this period he will not feel the presence of his teacher but must meet all of they produced according to his own light and his own innate realization of them. If, during this period when surrounded by temptations and some remains steadfast in his quest for the eternal, injures none, and is true to himself, then he will be received back into that thing which he has always belonged to. If he fails is this every day application of piritually be must remain in the world until finally victory is gainst

cat instruction which it is possible for mortal being to receive is that which is woven into your soul during the every day experiences of life. The restraint, the bindliness, the charity and the innate understanding applied to the passoness of endless occurences resurse the areally yours among the spiritual things of nature. Window does not come with listening, it comes with living. Only when we element the inside of the cup can so receive the spiritual ordination which floats in it as the blood of the Christ. When we have element this cup then all may seem and drink of the communion wint of spirit for instead of a man the initiate has become a well of living waters unringing up in the wilderness where the thirsty of the moral may come to drink a not of things human but of things atgreed.

Let us open reach the highest goal match and may attain by propering our concound nature, to receive the first currents of natural force that are even in the universe to neurish all the will attune themselves with the name subtle influences. Man is a great receiving station of natural force and theoretic of managers can through his every day, no modification reaccess but the resonance of natural force which express themselves in thought, action and Jesire.

Those who would come into the light of setual knowledge must learn to realize that window rests in the proving of things and in the finer and higher qualities of reason. The wise can knows and does and his actions being in horseny with his knowing emphasize the sloverity of his wisdom.

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The time is coming for New Year's resolutions (which are usually made the first week in January and broken the second.) This year let us aspire to hold through the entire span of months the resolutions which we make this New Year. The occult schools are indeed mystic organisations and entrance to them is man's pledged oath and year. Many people object to oaths and years but there are some which we must take as we go slong the line. They are not however pledges made to others, they are north obligations which the body must assume and live up to. We must pledge curselves to ourselves; our life is our living oath of classiance to the cause which we must cherish while the years we take it allegience to the cause which we must cherish while the years we take it can silence of our soul tie us to the Easters of Tisden. No week to other mortal things—but an endless you of allegience to our God.

when no one demands of us that we shall do the best that is in us for the unfoldment of cur nature and the glorisication of the plan. All the unfoldment of cur nature and the glorisication of the plan. All the books that have ever been written in this world and all the lecture the books that have ever been written in this world and all the lecture given since earth began demot bring you any closer to the realization given since earth began demot bring you any closer to the realization of right than somese else's idea or at best a cental concept. But when of right than somese else's idea or at best a cental concept. But when one lives the practical life of regomeration, purification, self masters and harmlessness, the bodies accumed by their runification and the resulting improvement of organic quality are capable of finer ideals, resulting improvement of organic quality are capable of finer ideals, nobler concepts and truer satimates than it is possible for us to make in our present condition.

Only a sage can make an honest estimate, uncolored by personality, only gods are capable of right analysis, only seems and patriarchs of right discrimination. These qualities are a basis of wisdom which is not book learning but prestical experience.

In the ancient Wosaic less the powers of being spoke unto the child ren of earth in the voice of wath, saying, "Thou shalt not." This was the arcient law. But with the toming of the new law this is changed to thou shalt. He longer does the properties of the safe and det do evil but now he are you want do good. These paragraphs are not affirmative and anyone the trian to make them into affirmative and anyone the trian to make them into affirmative and anyone the trian to make them into affirmative that it may in truth bring in along to with which to open income year that it may in truth bring in along to window and understanding. Therefore lat us consider those resolutions as listed below:

- 1. Unto that Self which is within me and is the source of all, I send those greetings which the body can send unto the source of itself and pledge that this year I shall serve this spirit within myself with my heart, my mind and my hand-not to the planification of matter but that all the world may know the reality of spirit.
- 2. As the spirit in men is a friend of all things, one with the spirit of all things, knowing neither for nor friend, kith or kin, recommended. I shall emphasize this curing the coming year through that a personnlity which is the finite menifestation of the infinite. I shall have no living thing during this year but shall arek communion with that spirit in all living things which is the universal solvent of inhermony.
- 3. My relationship with my brother man this year shall be based upon my own intrinsic realization of right and not upon their attitude to me. It shall make no difference to me how I am treated, for Suring this year I shall only do good, express charity, live fraternity, and follow the doctrine of non-resistance. I shall neither resist ovil nor accept it but shall remain in poise while others are in torpoil.
- 4. No word of discatisfaction, of criticism or of destructiveness shall be launched into the world this coming year from me. I shall meet and receive all things in the spirit of charity and will accept those responsibilities which the world gives me in peace, in poise and in placedity, no matter how hard my lot nor how sad my life.
- 5. I shall be clean in thought, word and action; in body, wind an' soul; and nothing shall defile the temple of the living God within me either that which gooth in, that which cometh out, but both shall be acceptable in the sight of the most high.
- 6. My voice shall not be raised in sager nor my words be quick in tone or hersh in meaning but shall be in porfect peace unto all things restizing the fundamental unity of all life and that diversity is pature's illusion.
- 7. This year I shall labor. Every day senething useful must be standing when night falls to show that today has not been in vain. Someone shall smile who has not smiled before, someone shall be glad who is sad, someone shall be richer who was poor, each day that I am spared in this world of men.
- B. Unto my younger brothers I also alodge in the spirit of helpful ness all that I have and am, that each year will come closer to realization of the oneness of all living things.

9. Unto those foes with whom my life has been beset, those though less ones who have grieved me often, those friends who have been untrue, those of my our flock and blood who have been felse to me — to all these this year I send greetings that, while they may be false to me, I shall never be into them. That one Power in the universe which is the basis of all these and the cause of all causes — to that I remain the tend which is so assily broken by the thoughtlessness of life that I may each day be true and come closer to the ideals which I know but match the makeness of the flash so seldom gives expression to. Brother, beast and God — all three of these in nature shall realize my realization of unity for I shall live this year to serve those who alone have the power to reward in spirit and in truth.

Let us this year take unto ourselves these resolutions, build them into that eternal part of ourselves which was before the world was and shall be when oblivion disselves all things.

In the basic resligation of human relationship and of man's relationship to God lies wisdom and the relationship between man and his body will be the base of his relationship with the Body Cosmic, and this relationship shall be emphasized in spirit and in truth during the coming months—that past knowledge shall be changed to wisdom, intellectuality to spirituality and mind forces into soul powers. In this the student fulfils that task which he is appointed to accomplish and passes successfully through that probationship which we know as life.

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